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4/27/77

Dear Les,

If your note of the 25th had come here before today I'd have phoned you while I was in Washington today.

You enclosed a copy of an FBI LHM (Letterhead Memorandum, if you do not know their slang) dated 11/23/77. You asked "Anything new on page 5? Not since Sprague used it on coast-to-coast TV.

Your copy is identical with mine, which means it is of Secret Service origin.

Look at the marks added. There may be an item for you in this.

You will notice that there is a line drawn from the right-hand margin, from a ?

It goes to "...the Dallas Police Department and FBI Agents converged on the theater and took into custody Lee Harvey Oswald ..."

Vintage Hoover, Or Hooverese for Hoover. Like his being in on the nabbing of Karpis and Dillinger. Personally, that is, young'un.

My recollection is not clear but the checking should not be difficult. So I can't say there was no FBI agent there. I can say that with the surplus of cops who needed FBI agents on a police call? The call was by Julia Postal to the police, NOT the FBI.

I do not recall any FBI agents there. I do know it was a police arrest and that the FBI did NOT take Oswald into custody.

There can be other significance so I suggest that you may want to have some of your people check the illegible mark in the upper right-hand corner. My hunch is that Rowley turned this over to an agent who may have retired by now. Or moved up. He is Robert Inman Bouck, who was then in charge of the White House detail. I also have a hunch that by the time the Secret Service got this Tom Kelley, then an inspector, was in or on his way to Dallas, so he did not receive it initially. I do not know if he'd talk now. He is Assistant Director in Charge of Presidential Protection. Unless he also has retired.

Inherent in the unjustified FBI claim is a slap at the Secret Service. On this basis you might get one of your connections to give you a little.

I'll be in Washington again for Lane's Tuesday press conference. The scum even upstaged Bud, who has, I think unwisely, cancelled his own. But, properly if belatedly, fears any association with Lane. I do have questions about this when to my knowledgge Lane's book had been bought by a reporter friend of mine before he phoned me 4/9.

I do not expect to ask any questions. I think Lane may try to throw me out. And I know that with a little help some good reporters could turn this into a memorable press conference. What great fun it would be if they asked questions with the title of his book "Code-Name Zorro!" which it is.

He may have some new b.s. for the occasion. He and Abernathy have been talking for more than two weeks of sensational new develops to be disclosed in Wasgington. I rather suspect that Raaf has been cut in on the book promos. The book is obscene, not merely crooked.

Lane is even telling people that I've tried to get him disbarred. I haven't but I should. It is the one good idea I've know him to have. ...As best I can trace it the origin of the Fauntroy effort to intimidate- press is CIA - is a show Lane did on WMDC about 1/25/77. Best wishes,